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Woman dies following Koloa traffic crash

KŌLOA – A woman died from injuries sustained during a traffic crash that occurred on Ala Kinoiki Road in Kōloa Sunday night.

Police have identified the woman as Seon Young Jo, age 56, of South Korea.

According to a preliminary investigation, a Nissan Versa was heading east on Wailaau Road shortly before 7:45 p.m., when it apparently drove through an intersection onto Ala Kinoiki Road without stopping. As it crossed the intersection, a Polynesian Adventures tour bus travelling north on Ala Kinoiki Road struck the Nissan on its passenger side and subsequently dragged the vehicle for several feet before it was able to come to a complete stop.

Seon Young Jo was the passenger of the Nissan Versa. She was transported to Wilcox Hospital in critical condition, then medevaced to Queen's Hospital where she died on Monday.

The female driver of the Nissan, age 27 of South Korea, sustained critical injuries from the crash. She was transported to Wilcox Hospital and then medevaced to Queen's Hospital where she remains in critical condition.

No injuries were reported for the occupants of the bus.

Kaua'i police closed Ala Kinoiki Road, from Wailaau Road to Maluhia Road, for approximately three hours while KPD's Traffic Safety Section conducted an on-scene investigation.

The investigation of the crash remains ongoing.

